

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to amend claim 46 to incorporate information from the preamble of the claim into the body of the claim. No new matter is added. Claim 46 is withdrawn and currently amended. Claims 47 – 60 are withdrawn.

In a teleconference with Examiner Hobbs, a question arose regarding whether the term “WY” in claim 40 was a typographical error. The term WY is defined in the specification as filed is a dimeric peptide (page 14 lines 16 – 17 and Table 1, page 11). Therefore, the term “WY” is not a typographical error and is fully supported in the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Dennis R. Daley (Reg. No. 34,994), at (612) 336-4689.

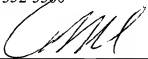


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